

Make Miracles Happen

Capital Campaign
Lawrence's Only Emergency Shelter



“Lawrence Community Shelter volunteers and staff make small miracles happen everyday—improving people’s lives, one small step at a time. Now they—finally—have the chance to move to a space that will allow even more miracles. This is their time.”

Katherine Dinsdale, Founding Member, Family Promise

The mission of the Lawrence Community Shelter is to provide safe shelter and comprehensive support services and programs that provide a path to a positive future for people experiencing homelessness and people at risk of homelessness.

LCS Fast Facts

- The Lawrence Community Shelter is allowed to sleep 75 by zoning code but regularly has over 100 sign-in daily for a place to sleep
- **Last year we housed 2-4 families but this year that average is 10-12 families.**
- The economy has caused a significant and long term increase in family homelessness
- Overflow sleeping is arranged with neighboring churches
- Evening meal is fed to 100+ even though not everyone can sleep in the building
- **There’s been a 60% increase in the number of people sleeping at the shelter nightly**, from 1,548 bed-nights in August 2010 to 2,481 in August 2011
- The shelter’s annual budget is \$535,000, 35% from various government sources and 65% from individuals, religious groups, foundations, United Way, events, mailings, and businesses



The Lawrence Community Shelter has been designated by Lawrence’s Community Commission on Homelessness to be the sole emergency for Douglas County for the required housing and program needs. This can only be best accomplished as soon as it moves into a larger, fully adequate building

No Exception

There is an urgent need in our community.



All the permits have been granted, the contract is signed, the City and the County agree: Lawrence Community Shelter is ready to move to and renovate a warehouse east of town. All we need to do is to raise \$815,000 by November 24 but there are no exceptions, no extensions, only the **November 24 deadline**. That will allow us to receive a \$540,000 Mabee Foundation capping grant, which will complete our \$2.7million fundraising campaign.

Won’t you help with a donation or three-year pledge today?

“Homeless” is the wrong word.

Our guests are not homeless by choice. They are not lazy. They are ill. Or they have lost their jobs and their homes. Or they are victims of family illness. They are the least fortunate in our community and we need to help them.

Our guests suffer from mental illness, addiction and temporary financial crisis. More than half are families. **Sixteen children sleep shoulder-to-shoulder on mats on the floor every night**, because we are cramped and need more space. More than 200 volunteers help these guests every day, in large and small ways, but we need more space.

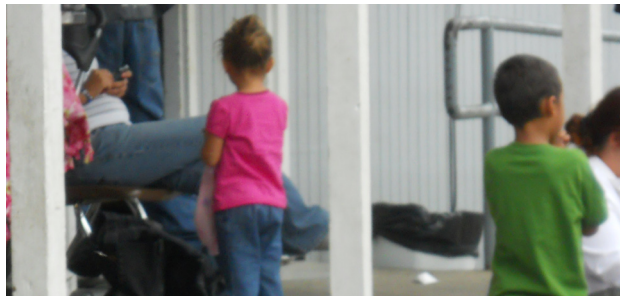
The Response

The relocation of the Lawrence Community Shelter will provide critical space to house individual guests and to offer improved programs fitting with Lawrence's vision to reduce chronic homelessness in our community.

The new site will provide:

- Expansion of the four basic LCS programs: housing, employment, benefits, intervention (substance abuse and mental health)
- Space for strengthened case management (intake, assessment, goal setting, evaluation), increased privacy and office space, and rooms for collaborating programs such as Kansas Legal Services and Heartland RADAC (Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Center)
- Bed spaces, sick and inebriate rooms
- The emergency shelter part of the Housing for the Homeless Vision
- Administration, staff, and volunteer work areas
- Showers, laundry, and storage
- Dining and kitchen space
- Increased job training and growth of the Good Dog! Biscuits and Treats entrepreneurial employment program
- Safety and security

The new facility addresses community wide efforts to reduce chronic homelessness in Lawrence and Douglas County. It will be a modest but high quality center of resources, security, and programs for people experiencing homelessness.



Invest

Your investment recognized and appreciated now and in the future. We greatly appreciate your Investing in Lawrence Community Shelter's Make Miracles Happen capital campaign and are happy to offer you Naming and Recognition opportunities appropriate to your needs.

Investment of...	Recognition Opportunity
\$100,000 or greater	Welcoming Hall
\$75,000 or greater	Children's Room
\$50,000 or greater	Dining Room
\$35,000	Large Meeting Room
\$25,000 or greater	Small Meeting Rooms

All gifts (other than anonymous) of \$1,000 and greater will be recognized on a prominently displayed Donor Wall.

How to help Make Miracles Happen in Lawrence:

- Make a pledge over a three-year giving period through monthly, quarterly, annual payments or structure your own pledge payment schedule.
- You can satisfy your pledge through payments by check, direct deposit, or major credit card. Make a donation at www.lawrenceshelter.org.
- Make a gift of securities.
- Make a customized gift of other property.
- Make a deferred gift.

We will be happy to work with you and your advisor(s) to structure a gift that best suits your tax and estate planning needs. To find out more about giving options, or to arrange a gift, please contact: Debbie Konzem, (785)331-9111 cell, debvig@att.net

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